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<i>Invention:</i>	PNEUMATIC CHEST	}	on _____
	COMPRESSION VEST WITH	}	
	FRONT PANEL BIB	}	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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The Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows:

At page 1, please amend the paragraph bridging lines 4-7 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U. S. S. N. 09/387,319, filed August 31, 1999, now abandoned, which is itself related to “Chest Compression Vest with Connecting Belt” and “Method and Apparatus for Inducing Sputum Samples for Diagnostic Evaluation,” which were also filed on ~~the same day~~ August 31, 1999 and ~~also~~ assigned to ~~American Biosystems~~ the same assignee as U. S. S. N. 09/387,319.